



CMAQ Project Selection Committee

Thursday, January 5, 2017

Committee Members: Ross Patronsky, Chair (CMAP), Mark Pitstick (RTA), Keith Privett (CDOT), President William Rodeghier (Council of Mayors), Christopher Schmidt (IDOT), Emily Karry (Counties)

Staff Present: Doug Ferguson, Tom Kotarac, Jen Maddux, Alvaro Villagran

Others Present: Brian Carlson, Bruce Christensen, Kevin Duffy, Laura Fedak (via phone), Jackie Forbes, Janell Jensen (via phone), Tom Kelso, Steve Manella, Kelsey Mulhausen, Brian Stepp, David Tomzik, Mike Walczak, Michael Weiser

1.0 Call to Order

Mr. Patronsky called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Mr. Ferguson announced that the 2018-2022 CMAQ/TAP-L call for projects will begin January 6, 2017. He reported that applications will be submitted through CMAP's online eTIP database, noting that emissions benefits forms will continue be uploaded but the majority of the application will be entered directly into the online form. The new process will allow for less duplication of work for CMAP staff and planning liaisons. He continued that CMAP will host an informational webinar on Friday, January 13, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. and a registration link will be posted with the call for projects. Mr. Patronsky noted that the call for projects ends March 3, 2017.

Mr. Tomzik gave an update on Pace's I-90 express service. He reported that the first phase began December 19, the Randall Road park-n-ride is open, there are six new routes, and new vehicles. He continued that the second and third phases will begin this year, with the opening of a flex lane on the tollway and the Barrington Road and IL 25 stations. Mr. Tomzik also noted that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony after those facilities open. Mr. Carlson asked when the Barrington Road station will be open. Mr. Tomzik responded that the station is anticipated to open in fall.

Mr. Privett announced that the Union Station Transit Center is complete.

Mr. Patronsky announced that the 35th Street bridge is open.

3.0 Approval of Minutes—November 3, 2016

On a motion by Mr. Schmidt and seconded by President Rodeghier, the minutes of the November 3, 2016 meeting were approved as presented.

4.0 Program Monitoring

4.1 Project Programming Status Sheets

Mr. Ferguson reported that the recurring reports on the programming status of active and deferred projects and the line item changes since the last meeting of the Project Selection Committee were included in the meeting packet. Mr. Pitstick asked about the programming notes for the Richton Park Metra Electric Station Area Access project, which indicated the sponsor targeting a September 2016 letting. Mr. Ferguson replied that the information is based on the fall status updates and staff would look into the matter. (Note: Staff confirmed a status update was not received for the aforementioned project during the October 2016 update cycle.)

4.2 Programming Summary and Obligation Goal

Mr. Ferguson reported that the programming summary and obligation goal was not included in the meeting packet but handed out at the meeting. He reported that there has been just over \$7 million obligated in this federal fiscal year and, while obligations are behind at this point, staff is tracking several large projects expecting authorization in the next couple months.

Mr. Ferguson requested approval of the obligation goal for FFY 2017. He noted that the obligation goal is set at the annual allotment. In past years, obligations were beyond the annual allotment, but once the unobligated balance is less than one year's allotment, reaching a zero balance is difficult. Mr. Pitstick asked whether the goal was met last year. Mr. Ferguson responded that \$55 million was obligated last year, short of the high goal set four years prior. He stated that the region should obligate what it is given on an annual basis. Staff recommends a goal of \$103.8 million. Mr. Pitstick noted that the goal is less than the apportionment. Mr. Ferguson responded that the apportionment amount is the statewide total, used for programming purposes, and the CMAP region receives 95.21% of the total state apportionment.

On a motion by Mr. Privett and seconded by President Rodeghier, the obligation goal for FFY 2017 was approved.

4.3 Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad Locomotive Fuel Conversion (TIP ID 13-14-0002)

Mr. Duffy gave an update on the progress of this project. The first two converted locomotives are expected to roll out on March 1, 2017, with a full fleet conversion by March 2021. The locomotives are meeting most Tier 4 standards in tests to date with further optimization still to be done.

4.4 October 2016 Status Updates

Ms. Maddux gave an update on responses to the semi-annual status updates completed in October 2016. Project delays in FFY 2016 contributed to a lower obligation rate, but status updates indicated about \$130 million will be obligated in FFY 2017.

Mr. Carlson asked which reason was the most common for project delays. Ms. Maddux responded that “Prior Phase Delay” was most commonly reported. Mr. Privett noted that engineering is a primary source of delay, while Mr. Carlson and Ms. Karry stated that the right of way phase causes the most delay in their experience. Mr. Carlson suggested that future reporting specify which phase is causing delay. Mr. Privett stated that there is a place in the update form to indicate the specific phase. Mr. Patronsky noted that the specific phase causing delay was often not reported in the status updates received and resolved that staff will make efforts to collect more detailed information.

5.0 Project Changes

5.1 IDOT – IL 59/Sutton Rd at Stearns Rd (TIP ID 03-12-0004)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a cost increase of \$1,189,000 federal (\$1,486,000 total) for construction in FFY 2017. Mr. Carlson stated that the request is due to a final engineer’s estimate and there has been no change in scope. On a motion made by Ms. Karry and seconded by President Rodeghier, the requested cost increase was approved.

5.2 IDOT – Cumberland Circle Improvement at Golf Rd/State St/Wolf Rd/Broadway St (TIP ID 03-14-0004)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a cost increase of \$12,000 federal (\$15,000 total) for right of way in FFY 2016 and a reinstatement of construction funds in FFY 2017. On a motion made by Mr. Pitstick and seconded by President Rodeghier, the requested cost increase and reinstatement of funds were approved.

5.3 Mount Prospect – Covered Bicycle Parking at the Mount Prospect Metra Stations (TIP ID 03-16-0016)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a schedule change to reprogram construction funds from FFY 2019 to FFY 2017 and a cost increase of \$16,400 federal (\$20,500 total) for construction in FFY 2017. On a motion made by President Rodeghier and seconded by Mr. Pitstick, the requested schedule change and cost increase were approved.

5.4 IDOT – I-90 from Cumberland Av to Harlem Av (TIP ID 03-96-0004)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a cost increase \$6,093,000 federal (\$1,643,000 total) for construction in FFY 2016. Mr. Carlson stated that the project is under construction. He reported that the timeline of CMAQ Project Selection Committee meetings and TIP change due dates did not allow for the request to be made prior to the project’s letting. Mr. Carlson stated that instead of delaying the project and extending the construction schedule, IDOT elected to move forward and funded the project shortfall with an alternative federal fund source and is now requesting an increase of CMAQ funds. Mr. Tomzik stated that this project will help to mitigate congestion on River Road. Mr. Carlson stated that, recognizing the benefits of this project to all users including transit agencies, IDOT

did not feel comfortable delaying the project to wait to request a cost increase at the July 2016 CMAQ Project Selection Committee meeting. He noted that final cost estimates were not received until May 2016. Mr. Pitstick noted that the program could accommodate the request, and Mr. Patronsky concurred. On a motion made by Mr. Privett and seconded by President Rodeghier, the requested cost increase was approved.

5.5 IDOT – Wolf Rd from 153rd St to 159th St (TIP ID 06-16-0001)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a schedule change to reprogram construction funds from FFY 2018 to FFY 2017. On a motion made by Mr. Pitstick and seconded by President Rodeghier, the requested schedule change was approved.

5.6 Carpentersville – IL 31 at Huntley Rd (TIP ID 09-08-0005)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a reinstatement of funds and a cost increase of \$2,604,200 federal (\$3,255,250 total) for construction in FFY 2017. Mr. Privett asked whether a portion of the project was left out of the original application, and Ms. Forbes said that was correct. Mr. Carlson stated that IDOT supports the project. Mr. Pitstick stated that the project was funded in 2008, when phase I engineering was still being funded. On a motion made by Mr. Schmidt and seconded by President Rodeghier, the requested reinstatement of funds and cost increase were approved.

5.7 IDOT – US 45/ Lake St from Rollins Rd to Dada Dr/Grant Av (TIP ID 10-16-0003)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a schedule change to reprogram construction funds from FFY 2018 to FFY 2017. On a motion made by Mr. Privett and seconded by Ms. Karry, the requested schedule change was approved.

5.8 IDOT – US 6/Southwest Hwy at Gougar Rd (TIP ID 12-12-0005)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a cost increase of \$384,000 federal (\$0 total) for construction in FFY 2017. Mr. Carlson noted an error in the project change request form, clarifying that the requested increase would not be used to replace STP funds with CMAQ funds. On a motion made by President Rodeghier and seconded by Ms. Karry, the requested cost increase was approved.

5.9 IDOT – Edens Expressway/I-94 Bus on Shoulder (TIP ID 15-16-0004)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a schedule change to reprogram construction and implementation funds from FFY 2018 to FFY 2017. On a motion made by Mr. Pitstick and seconded by Mr. Privett, the requested schedule change was approved.

5.10 Lake County Forest Preserve District – Lyons Woods Bike Path (TIP ID 10-16-0007)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a cost increase of \$240,000 federal (\$300,000 total) in TAP-L funding for construction in FFY 2017. On a motion

made by Mr. Schmidt and seconded by President Rodeghier, the requested cost increase was approved.

6.0 FAST Act

Mr. Patronsky reported that there is a proposed rule for CMAQ performance measures, but there is no news on that. The proposed regulation would require more robust reporting. Mr. Patronsky also reported that the MPO Coordination rule is now final and CMAP is considering requesting an exemption.

7.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

8.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9.0 Next Meeting

Mr. Patronsky stated that the committee's next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

10.0 Adjournment

On a motion made by Mr. Schmidt and seconded by President Rodeghier, the meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

CMAQ Project Selection Committee Members:

____ Darwin Burkhart

____ Mark Pitstick

____ Chris Schmidt

____ Luann Hamilton

____ Jeffery Schielke

____ Chris Snyder

____ Ross Patronsky, Chair